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SOUTH CAROLINA BELLE DEFENDS HER HERITAGE IN TEXAS!?

Miss Allison J. Wilson, daughter of Ron Wilson (SC Division Chief-of-Staff and Commander of the new Jeff Davis/4th SC Reg. Camp #7) of Piedmont, SC, has begun her freshman studies at Baylor University in Waco, TX. Upon arriving at the institution, she observed a Confederate Flag flying (details unprovided) and presumed that her heritage was unassailable there. She began to unpack and chose to decorate her room with our Southern Cross.

After a few days passed, her dorm director knocked and entered her room. Apparently some objections against Allison's flag had been lodged with the dorm oberfuhrer, who sought higher council, then asked Allison to remove the flag entirely or else to move it to another, less obvious, position. It was explained to Allison that the University was not requiring her to take it down, only asking. Allison deliberated and sought her own higher council, and approached the dorm director with her response.

"I told her that I did not want any trouble with anybody and if my flag was offensive to anyone, that I was sorry. I told her that I did not know who had come to her, but the Confederate flag stands for heritage, not hate. I told her I was born and raised in South Carolina and that I have tremendous pride in that flag. I had relatives die for that flag and I was not going to let it be forgotten why they died. I went on, saying that 90,000 blacks fought for the Confederacy and that slavery came into being under the American flag, so if any flag is offensive to the Blacks, it should be the American flag, not the Confederate flag. I asked her to tell the girls who came to her that if they would like to talk to me about it, I would be more than happy. I

explained to her that I would not take the flag down nor would I move it for anyone at any time.

"I explained to her that Baylor has Hispanic Studies Week, Black History Month, and even though I might not especially care for these ethnic studies, I understood this to be their right to display their pride in their heritage. I told my dorm director that I expected the University and students to be as tolerant of my expression of my Southern Heritage as I am of the Blacks or Hispanics or other ethnic groups."

Allison reports that no one has come to her for discussions and that there have been no further incidents or repercussions.

Confederate General Thomas Lafayette Rosser, artilleryist, had a nephew Oscar Cooper (son of the General's sister Catherine) who became a President of Baylor University. We are unaware of Mr. Cooper's stand on his own heritage, but we are sure that Gen. Rosser grumbled in his grave over this incident.

Allison has received letters of commendation from SCV National Commander-in-Chief Norman Dasinger and from Lt. C-in-C Peter W. Orlebeke (of Dallas). The latter has informed the Texas Division Commander of the incident, and we look with anticipation for additional action and details.

Our congratulations and admiration go out to Miss Wilson for her dedication to her native state and heritage, to her fortitude, and to her determination. Allison is a Life Member of the Order of the Confederate Rose. Anyone desiring to contact her regarding this matter may write her at Baylor University, P.O. Box 85210, Waco, TX 76798-5210.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY 1995

The Annual observance will be in Columbia on May 6, 1995 (Saturday), beginning at Elmwood Cemetery. There will be, again, a picnic on the grounds of the Statehouse. If you have any questions, call Cmp. Rusty Rentz, (803) 359-7507 (H) or 359-2551 (W). Everyone is invited to march and participate. The Dress Code which has been discussed previously in this publication is encouraged.

PUT THIS DAY ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

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Centennial Celebration at Newberry Honors First Camp in South Carolina

Moultrie Camp No. 4 was the first SCV Camp in South Carolina, being formed in 1894 in Charleston, as a result of the organization of the Sumter Camp of Veterans being accepted into the UCV. There were about nine sons of veterans who were in the Sumter Camp, and these young men had to be expelled in order for the Sumter Camp to meet membership requirements in the UCV. An advertisement brought a huge number of applicants for the new Moultrie Camp, and almost 100 became Charter Members.

In celebration of this anniversary, the SC Division held a luncheon in Newberry on November 19, 1994, at the Old Court House, now the Community Hall. 110 members were in attendance from 19 camps. Guest speaker was Dr. Norman Dasinger, National Commander in Chief (if you doubt it, check out his license plate). The occasion was not without various forms of fun and excitement (see accompanying story), and members left with a sense of camaraderie and accomplishment as well as fulfillment. The latter was due in part to the excellent dinner.

Group photos of members and guests, of officers only, and of officers and members were taken by Nichols Photography of Newberry. Attendees desiring to purchase copies of any photo may contact the studio at 1311 Main St., Newberry 29108. There was an original photo of the earlier celebration, and it is unclear if copies of this will be available. Nichols took the earlier one, too (a different photographer, probably).

In a special presentation, the Editor awarded the prizes for the earliest correct answers to the two flag quizzes appearing in this publication. Scott Coleman, of Chester, won a coffee mug with the First National Flag emblazoned thereupon (courtesy of CSA Galleries, Charleston), and Dennis Todd, of Cayce, was given a Palmetto pin suitable for wearing on reenactor uniforms or contemporary sport jackets (courtesy anonymous donor). Scott had correctly identified the Sovereignty Flag of South Carolina, and Dennis identified the Palmetto Flag of the Palmetto Guards (first Southern flag to fly over the defeated Ft. Sumter). Congratulations to the winners!

SCV LOGO BANNED IN STOCK CAR RACES

Our logo has been banned from participation in National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) events, beginning in Darlington, SC, in September 1993, due to complaints from unidentified bleeding hearts. We thought this matter had been resolved and would be restricted to NASCAR events, so our car was entered into an American Race Car Association (ARCA) race on November 12, 1994. However, someone else's heart bled to a politically-correct weakling, and again our logo has been banned by a race car association. The car failed to qualify in the November event, so the matter was a moot point. What is not moot is the continuing insults we endure due to misunderstandings about our logo, the Confederate Battle Flag, and our purpose. When we are denied opportunities to educate the public, we are deprived of our rights to Free Speech. The above-referenced bannings are the actions of private individuals or organizations and do not fall under the auspices of the US Constitution. Now it is up to us to determine how to impress upon these two organizations our feelings about being the victims of discrimination. Actual organized protests are more reflective of Those Other Groups and would only draw the same shame upon us. But we can continue to fly our own flags in mass, in orderly and mannerly ways. So attend the races with your Battle Flags and get the word out by your actions. Letters to either of the two groups would not be a bad idea either. We do not know the addresses. -Ed.

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MEMBERS & ANCESTORS

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Camp Activity

Rivers Bridge Camp #842 Charter Meeting Jan. 28, 1995, Fairfax Community Hut, Hwy. 278. BBQ tickets \$10. Call Cdr. Mickey Smith for details.

Secession Camp, Charleston, Lee-Jackson Banquet, Jan. 21, 1995, featuring JEB Stuart IV. Call Phil Bradley, 559-9810 for details.

Beaufort - Gen. Anderson Camp: still gathering proof and members; slow. Sponsoring Camp is Secession. *Next meeting Jan. 16, 1994, 7:30 p.m., Beaufort Co. Library.*

Spartanburg - Sgt. Adam Washington Ballenger (Confederate Medal of Honor Winner): tentative Charter Meeting March. Sponsoring Camp is States Rights Gist. *Meets 3rd Tuesday, office of CSA Engineering, Duncan.*

Seneca - unnamed: Sponsoring Camp is Palmetto Sharpshooters. Still under organization, no further info.

Gaffney - unnamed. Sponsoring Camp is 2nd SC Pickens. Organization meeting was to have been Dec. 11, 1994; no further info.

Still looking for camps in Bamberg and Myrtle Beach. All Charter Meetings *must* be cleared through the Division Commander and 1st Lt. Commander to avoid conflicts in scheduling.

Memorial Service for Pvt. John Hughes Held in Fountain Inn

In a special type of memorial service, Pvt. John Hughes, Co. B, 3rd S.C. Cavalry, was remembered in Fountain Inn by members of 2nd SC Regiment Camp 71, Pickens.

Pvt. Hughes died of pneumonia in captivity at Ft. McHenry, Maryland, on Sept. 21, 1863. He had been captured at Hagerstown, Md., following the Battle at Gettysburg, and was transferred to Pea Patch Island. 2436 Confederates, including Pvt. Hughes, are buried in a common trench grave on the New Jersey shore of the Delaware River, as Pea Patch Island water levels prohibited burials there. While his remains cannot be precisely located, an 80-ft. monument bears his name along with the others.

Recently, Pvt. Hughes' descendant Carroll Hughes discovered the final resting place and desired to commemorate John's service. In lieu of remains, a shovelfull of dirt from the trench grave was brought back to South Carolina. In a stirring service, Pvt. John Hughes' memory and his symbolic remains were laid to rest in the cemetery of Harmony Baptist Church, Fountain Inn, SC.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Cdr. Le Roy Caudell, 133 Rock View St., Easley, SC 29640, phone (803) 859-0847.

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Flag and SCV Insulted in Newberry

On Oct. 13, 1994, the Newberry County (SC) Council approved a request by the South Carolina Division, SCV, to fly 10 historic Confederate Flags from the flagpoles of the Newberry Community Hall, in conjunction with the special Centennial Celebration of the first SCV Camp in South Carolina. The Division had rented the Hall, formerly Newberry County Courthouse and the site of an earlier Division celebration of historic note.

However, members of the local NAACP learned of the event and petitioned the Council to reverse itself and ban the flying of the flags. On Nov. 9, 1994, upon the urging of Councilman John Caldwell, in a 7-0 vote Council caved in to the demands and reversed itself, thus prohibiting the flying of those flags. It would appear that the reversing action might be illegal, as the matter was brought forth for review by a councilman who was on the losing side in the original favorable vote. A loser cannot bring the subject up for re-vote, only a winner of the original vote can do so. However, it is a moot point and the flags did not fly from the fixed flagpoles.

If Council is so conscious of the impact of flying flags at the facility, they might take note of the condition of the US and SC state flags that they furnished for our celebration. Both flags were extremely worn and faded. A review by Council of the US Flag Code is in order here, as well as the Constitutional amendment regarding Freedom of Speech. Since the SCV rented the facility, it should have been the prerogative of this organization to decide how to utilize the surplus flag poles. There are twelve such poles arranged in front of the building.

In a related matter, Mr. Bryan Mims of Columbia's Channel 19 TV was on hand to film the occasion. Mims took it upon himself to invite Ms. Nancy Glasgow, of the Newberry NAACP, to come and present an opposing viewpoint which he willingly and courageously filmed for all to see on the 11 o'clock news. Mims was questioned as to why he extended this invitation, and he was hard pressed to come up with an acceptable answer. The subject of "creating conflict" was brought up and he denied this as his motive. It was suggested to him that he invite Ms. Glasgow to leave and that if he wanted an opposing viewpoint to this private occasion, he might call upon the members of the Sons of Union Veterans. Presumably he declined to do so. Ms. Glasgow was accompanied by a small number of uninvited guests, one of whom was wearing a very disgusting anti-flag tee-shirt. However, the trespassers conducted themselves with decorum and were engaged in conversation by members of this body. They departed without incident before the bulk of the attendees gathered. Passersby of all persuasions seemingly were uninterested in the array of Confederate flags present during the day or in the camera.

Public officials' actions in bending to politically-correct pressure, and media actions in causing confrontations for publicity's sake, will be present forever in a free society and will be equally disgusting. Offence, as well as beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. It is the beholder's problem, and like bad breath is best kept to one's self lest it make a nuisance of the beholder. On the other hand, flics spinus anomaly (rubber spine) is a voluntary condition afflicting a great many members in public office and can be remedied by popular vote every few years.

FIRST MUSTERING OFFICER'S MEDAL PRESENTATION



Shown in picture (left): Division 1st Lt. Cdr. Bill Bushall (r) awards the first of the Division's new Mustering Officer's Medal to Camp Cdr. Charles Hanson, for his efforts in the building of the Olde Abbeville Camp #39.

This medal recognizes the efforts of individual members of the Division in the building of new camps.

Details regarding the earning of this medal may be obtained from your Camp Commander or Division 1st Lt. Commander Bill Bushall. Consult the last issue of this publication also.

CALENDAR OF REMEMBRANCE

Fly your Confederate flags on these special days!

DECEMBER

- 1 December- MICAH JENKINS - 1835
- 1 December- Stony Creek, VA - 1864
- 1 December- Wilkinson Bridge, VA - 1864
- 5 December- JAMES CLEMENT FURMAN - 1809
- 5 December- Walker's Ford, TN - 1863
- 5-8 December- Tullifinny - 1864

6 DECEMBER- DEATH OF JEFFERSON DAVIS - 1889

- 9 December- JAMES HENLEY THORNHILL - 1812
- 10 December- KENTUCKY IS ADMITTED

TO THE CONFEDERACY - 1861

- 10 December- New Market, VA - 1864
- 10 December- Armstrong Mills, VA - 1864
- 12 December- STAND WATIE - 1806
- 12 December- Darbytown Road, VA - 1864
- 13 December- Fredericksburg, VA - 1862
- 13-14 December- Kinston, NC - 1862
- 14 December- FRANCIS PEYRE PORTER - 1825
- 14 December- Bean's Station, TN - 1863
- 15-16 December- Nashville, TN - 1864
- 18 December- JOHN HEMPHILL - 1803
- 20 DECEMBER- SECESSION DAY - 1860

SOUTH CAROLINA SECEDES

- 20 December- Dranesville, VA - 1862

- 22 December- CHARLES TODD QUINTARD - 1824

- 24 December- ROBERT BARNWELL RHETT - 1800

25 DECEMBER- CHRISTMAS DAY -

- 25 December- MILLEDGE LUKE BONHAM - 1813
- 30 December- JAMES CANTEY - 1818
- 31 December- Murfreesboro, TN - 1862

JANUARY

- 1 January- Port Royal Ferry - 1862
- 2 January- Murfreesboro, TN - 1863
- 5 January- EDMUND RUFFIN - 1794
- 5 January- JOSEPH BREVARD KERSHAW - 1822
- 8 January- JAMES LONGSTREET - 1821
- 9 January- CHRISTOPHER GUSTAVUS MEMMINGER - 1803
- 9 January- STAR OF THE WEST IS FIRED ON - 1861
- 9 January- MISSISSIPPI SECEDES - 1861
- 10 January- FLORIDA SECEDES - 1861
- 11 January- ALABAMA SECEDES - 1861
- 13 January- Attack on Fort Fisher, NC - 1865
- 15 January- Fort Fisher Falls - 1865
- 17 January- Dandridge, TN - 1864
- 18 January- JAMES CHESNUT, Jr. - 1815
- 19 JANUARY- ROBERT EDWARD LEE - 1807
- 19 January- GEORGIA SECEDES -

1861

- 20 January- Salkehatchie - 1865

- 21 JANUARY- THOMAS JONATHAN JACKSON - 1825

- 25 January- BENJAMIN PALMER MORGAN - 1818

- 26 January- LOUISIANA SECEDES - 1861

- 26 January- Pocotaligo - 1865

More Quotable Quotes

Edward Ward Carmack (Tennessee House of Representatives, 1898-1901), said it first:

"The South is a land that has known sorrows; it is a land that has broken the ashen crust and moistened it with tears; a land scarred and riven by the plowshare of war and billowed with the graves of her dead; but a land of legend, a land of song, a land of hallowed and heroic memories.

"To that land every drop of my blood, every fiber of my being, every pulsation of my heart, is consecrated forever.

"I was born of her womb; I was nurtured at her breast; and when my last hour shall come, I pray God that I may be pillowed upon her bosom and rocked to sleep within her tender and encircling arms."

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A RECENT INCIDENT IN GEORGIA

At the Alexander H. Stevens State Park, an incident occurred which demonstrates the extent that discrimination will reach and the ignorance of PCWs (politically-correct weaklings). A Georgia-Division Camp was involved and nearly spent the day in jail.

Members were celebrating Confederate Memorial Day in the usual fashion by placing battle flags upon Confederate veterans' graves. In this particular locale, there are many graves in different graveyards, many being in close proximity to one another. It was far easier, and perhaps more enjoyable, for the members to walk from graveyard to graveyard. They chose to lead their procession with a flag.

Upon crossing the A.H. Stevens Park property, they were told that they could not march on that property and that they could not fly their flag. They acknowledged this and proceeded to the next grave. Note that a good many patrons of the Park witnessed the incident. Upon their return across Park property, another encounter ensued. The Law was summoned, who happened to be of another color than the marchers and accompanying park patrons, and he perhaps felt uncomfortable. The Law Official then summoned the Georgia State Patrol to arrest the marchers. The Patrol arrived shortly in force, lights flashing and tires screeching. Upon investigation, however, the Patrol consulted with higher authority (this took some time) and determined that the marchers were protected by the Constitution and were simply expressing themselves in a peaceful manner. The marchers were released and everyone went on their way, except perhaps for the park officials who still shook in their shoes.

Here again we have public officials being afraid of some outcry and deciding to offend what they perceive as the smallest or the weakest group to appease another. Best they all learn the lessons taught by our great Confederate officers and men who fought a stronger enemy on the basis of sound American principle. If they cannot learn these lessons, maybe they'd best move on to another job. -Ed.

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